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Co-Chairmen and Members
Energy and Technology Committee
Room 3900, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: (1) H.B. No. 6510, An Act Establishing A Public Power Authority

Dear Co-Chairmen and Committee Members:

House Bill 6510 would establish the Connecticut Electric Authority ("CEA") to coordinate the state's electricity needs and conservation efforts. The state now has approximately fifteen (15) boards, commissions and agencies involved in "**Balkanized**" approach to energy policy, planning and programs, which constitutes a highly inefficient and ineffective organizational structure for managing the state's energy.

I recommend that the general statutes be amended to establish a state Department of Energy to oversee and consolidate the alphabet soup of energy policies, plans, and programs provided by the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board ("CEAB"), Energy Conservation Management Board ("ECMB"), Office of Policy and Management's ("OPM") Energy Management and Policy Development Unit, Department of Economic and Community Development ("DECD"), Connecticut Innovations ("CI"), Low-Income Energy Advisory Board ("LIEAB"), Connecticut Fuel Oil Conservation Board ("CFOCB"), and Renewable Energy Investment Board ("REIB") into a more effective and efficient organizational structure. For administrative efficiency, the Department of Public Utility Control ("DPUC") and the Connecticut Siting Council ("CSC") would each keep its regulatory function as separate divisions under a "Rates and Siting Bureau." Changing the DPUC to the CEA would waste materials and energy by the name change.

Cordially



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